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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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First Named Inventor:	David Chow	
Appln. No.:	10/500,395	Confirmation No.: 9017
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Title:	Bone Fasteners and Method for Stabilizing Vertebral Bone Facets Using Bone Fasteners	Group Art Unit: 3775

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 10, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 12 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 18 of this paper.